

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 were pending.
Claims 1-25 and 29 are rejected.
Claims 26-28 are objected to.
Claim 26 has been canceled.
Claims 1, 12, 23, 25, 27 and 29 have been amended.
Claims 30-31 have been added.
Claims 1-25 and 27-31 will be pending upon entry of
this amendment.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that claims 26 - 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication. Applicants have amended independent claims 1,12,23,25 and 29 to include the features of the allowable claim 26. Thus, Applicants assert that the independent claims are allowable as amended. In addition, Applicants have added independent claim 30 which includes features of allowable claim 26. New claim 31 depends from claim 30. Since the remaining claims depend from the amended independent claims, Applicants assert all claims are now allowable.

II. CONCLUSION

The Applicants believe all the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the same.

Please charge the new claim fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1696.

A separate Request for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, with authorization to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicants do not believe an additional Request for Extension of Time is required but if it is, please accept this paragraph as an additional Request for Extension of Time and authorization to charge the requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicants do not believe any other fees are due regarding this amendment. If any other fees are required, however, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696. The Applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone Applicants' attorney should any issues remain.

Respectfully Submitted,



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